

*Original***DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: Coupled computers and a method of coupling computers

of which is described and claimed in:

- (X) the attached specification, or
 () the specification in the application Serial No. _____ filed _____;
 and with amendments through _____ (if applicable), or
 () the specification in International Application No. PCT/ _____, filed _____, and as amended
 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (and §172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2000-400870	December 28, 2000	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	U.S. FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

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I hereby authorize the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from _____ as to any action to be taken in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and myself. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by me.

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

1st Inventor Tsunemi Tokuhara Date December 10, 2001

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3rd Inventor _____ Date _____

4th Inventor _____ Date _____

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7th Inventor _____ Date _____

The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

U.S. Application Serial No. _____ Filing Date _____

Applicant Reference Number _____ Atty Docket No. _____

Title of Invention _____

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Tsunemi TOKUHARA : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Serial No. NEW : **Docket No. 2001_1887A**
Filed December 26, 2001 :
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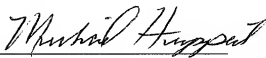
Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Declaration entitling the present application to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS

The undersigned hereby declare(s) that this statement is made to support a claim by the below identified entity for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to an invention entitled _____, invented by _____ and described in _____

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
☐ application Serial No. _____, filed _____
☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____

☒ a. I am/we are the inventor(s) of the above-identified application.

☐ b. I/we would qualify as (an) independent inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) if I/we had made the above-identified application, and rights under contract law with regard to the above-identified invention have been conveyed to and remain with me/us.

☐ c. I am ☐ the owner

☐ an official of the below-identified small business concern;

rights under contract law with regard to the above-identified invention have been conveyed to and remain with the below-identified small business concern; and this concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Codes, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons, said number being determined and said affiliates being defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18.

No rights in the invention have been assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or further assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and there is no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, or further assign, grant, convey or license such rights to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which any rights in the invention have been assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or further assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or further assigned, grant, convey or license, or as to where there is an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license such rights is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization
☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I/we acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b).)

I/we further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that

such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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